

## **2005/2006 Request for Pre-proposals**

### **R.I. Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program and Trust Fund**

**Background:** Rhode Island's coastal habitats provide great benefits to the citizens of the state, serving as nurseries and breeding grounds for fish and shellfish, capturing and filtering pollution, and contributing to the state's economic, community and ecological health. Restoration of seagrass beds, salt marshes, river systems and other coastal habitats has the potential to improve Rhode Island's ecology, quality of life, and public health. The purpose of the R.I. Coastal and Estuary Habitat Restoration Program is twofold: to facilitate design, planning, construction, and monitoring of coastal and estuarine restoration projects by providing grants and technical assistance; and increase awareness about restoration by providing funding for educational outreach opportunities. The program is administered by the R.I. Coastal Resources Management Council with technical support from the R.I. Habitat Restoration Team.

**Eligibility:** Cities and towns; committees, boards, or commissions chartered by a city or town; nonprofit organizations; civic groups; educational institutions; and state agencies. Projects must be located in the state of Rhode Island.

**Funding levels:** Funding for projects is from an annual account totaling \$250,000. Individual awards will generally range from \$5,000 to \$50,000 per year. Awards will be made for periods of up to two years, pending availability of funds; longer-term projects may reapply in subsequent years.

**Match requirements:** No match is required; however, proposals that can demonstrate matching funds or in-kind services will have an advantage in the selection process. Applicants are therefore encouraged to detail all federal and non-federal resources contributing toward completion of the project, whether cash or in-kind.

#### **Award Process:**

- **October 14, 2005:** Pre-proposals due, outlining potential projects
- November 1, 2005: Program responds to pre-proposals, requests full applications for projects selected for further consideration
- **December 16, 2005:** Full applications due
- January 30, 2006: Notification of awards

**To Submit a Pre-Proposal:** Send a letter of inquiry *by October 14* to:

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Please include: (1) project name; (2) project location (town and street, if any) with map; (3) preliminary budget, indicating amount of request, cash match (if any, indicate source(s) of funds) and in-kind match (if any); (4) property ownership information, if known; (5) project manager contact information (phone, email address and mailing address), and (6) list of organization(s) involved, with brief description of role of each. Letters of support will not be accepted for pre-proposals, but will be considered with final proposals. Questions about this process may be directed to Megan Higgins, [mhiggins@crmc.state.ri.us](mailto:mhiggins@crmc.state.ri.us) or (401) 783-3370.

**Please mail or hand-deliver pre-proposals. Faxes or emails cannot be accepted.**